

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). A system for providing streaming media to a plurality of clients over a network, the system comprising:

~~a plurality of streaming media sources coupled to the network;~~

~~a network server module that couples to the plurality of clients to signal streaming media from at least a first streaming media source in the plurality of streaming media sources to each of the plurality of clients using a first channel;~~

~~a switching terminal to signal a switch request to the network server module, the switch request requesting streaming media from a second streaming media source in the plurality of streaming media sources; and~~

a proxy module that forwards streaming media from the a first streaming media source to the a network server module, the proxy module being communicatable communicable with the network server module to be signaled the a switch request requesting streaming media from a second streaming media source, and in response to the switch request, the proxy module forwarding streaming media from the second streaming media source to the network server module to facilitate seamless transition from the first streaming media source to the second streaming media source.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 1, wherein the proxy module forwards the streaming media from the second streaming media source to the network server module while the network server module signals ~~steaming~~ streaming media from the first streaming media source to the plurality of client terminals.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 1, further comprising a memory that stores streaming media forwarded from the proxy module for the network server module, the network server module accessing the memory to receive the streaming media forwarded from the proxy module.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 3, wherein the proxy ~~module~~ forwards the streaming media from the second streaming media source to the network server module while the network server module is accessing the streaming media from the first streaming media source from the memory.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a plurality of streaming media sources coupled to the network each include a proxy ~~module~~ to receive streaming media from other streaming media sources to facilitate large scale proxy streaming media delivery.

Claims 6-7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended). A computer system for providing streaming media to a plurality of clients over a network, the system comprising:

a proxy ~~module~~ that forwards streaming media from a first streaming media source to a network server module that is communicating to the plurality of client terminals, the proxy ~~module~~ being ~~communicatable~~ communicable with the network server module to be signaled a switch request, and in response to the switch request, the proxy ~~module~~ forwarding streaming media from a second streaming media source to the network server module while the network server module is signaling streaming media from the first streaming media source to the plurality of client terminals.

Claim 9 (New). The system of claim 8, further comprising a memory that stores streaming media forwarded from the proxy for the network server module, the network server module accessing the memory to receive the streaming media forwarded from the proxy.

Claim 10 (New). The system of claim 9, wherein the proxy forwards the streaming media from the second streaming media source to the network server module while the network server module is accessing the streaming media from the first streaming media source from the memory.

Claim 11 (New). The system of claim 8, wherein a plurality of streaming media sources coupled to the network each include a proxy to receive streaming media from other streaming media sources to facilitate large scale proxy streaming media delivery.

Claim 12 (New). A method for providing streaming media to a plurality of clients over a network, comprising:

at a proxy, receiving a switch request requesting streaming media from a second streaming media source; and

in response to said switch request, the proxy forwarding streaming media from the second streaming media source to a network server module to facilitate seamless transition on a channel from a first streaming media source to the second streaming media source.

Claim 13 (New). A method for providing streaming media to a plurality of clients over a network, comprising:

forwarding streaming media from a first streaming media source to a network server module using a proxy;

receiving a switch request at the proxy requesting streaming media from a second streaming media source; and

in response to the switch request, the proxy forwarding streaming media from the second streaming media source to a network server module to facilitate seamless transition from the first streaming media source to the second streaming media source.

Claim 14 (New). A method for providing streaming media to a plurality of clients over a network, comprising:

forwarding streaming media from a first streaming media source to a network server module using a proxy;

receiving a switch request at the proxy requesting streaming media from a second streaming media source; and

in response to the switch request, the proxy forwarding streaming media from the second streaming media source to the network server module while the network server module is

signaling streaming media from the first streaming media source to the plurality of client terminals.